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COMPRESSION CODING
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 9 to read as follows:

9. (Twice Amended) The compression coding method according to Claim 5,
wherein the image capturing condition is at least one of an image magnification, a focusing status
and a multi-point focusing status.